

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE LATEX GLOVES PRODUCTS : MDL Docket No. 1148  
LIABILITY LITIGATION :  
:   
: ALL CASES

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AND NOW, this 24th day of March, 1998, Case Management Order No. 29, dated March 11, 1998, is amended as set forth below.

1. The briefing schedule for the improper venue motions filed in the Steiner case and in the nine cases originally filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Maine is as follows:

<u>Brief</u>	<u>Deadline</u>
Defendants' Opening Brief	April 3, 1998
Plaintiffs' Response Brief	April 17, 1998
Defendants' Reply Brief	April 24, 1998

2. The briefs shall cover the following two questions:

- (a) Does the transferee court in an MDL proceeding have authority, in resolving a dispositive motion under state law, to refer a question to the highest court of the state in which the transferor court is located?
- (b) If the answer to that question is affirmative, what action, if any, should the Court in MDL No. 1148 take in resolving defendants' improper venue motion in the Steiner case?

3. The next Rule 16 conference will be on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 at 5:00 p.m. in Courtroom 12A.

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Edmund V. Ludwig, J.

